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## Saturday Specials

Can Peas.....	15c	Olives.....	10, 15 and 25c
Can Corn.....	15c	Can Peaches.....	15c
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Canned Shrimps, 3 for 25c		Beef Chuck Roast.....	15-18c
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No more goods left if not paid for when delivered.

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### Our Groceries Will Stand the Test

We can't advertise CHEAP groceries now! The cheap article is just the thing you DON'T want.

But we CAN furnish you THE BEST in all staple and fancy groceries.

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Come in and look over our Guns and Ammunition  
Yours for business,

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**Max Landsberg**  
SHOES, CLOTHING and GENTS'  
FURNISHING GOODS

### WE HAVE MOVED

Our new location is in the new Salling building recently occupied by the Royal Cafe, and now we want the people of Crawford county to know that we are doing business at the new stand. We want you to get acquainted with our store and our service. Steady customers are what we want and if you once come here you will soon get the habit of coming here for all your needs in our line.

**MAX LANDSBERG**

### Local Committee Will Raise \$1,000 or More for Army Y. M. C. A.

#### CRAWFORD COUNTY MUST GIVE \$1,000.

#### Y. M. C. A. MUST FOLLOW OUR FLAG AND OUR BOYS.

35 Million Dollars to be Raised in  
America Before Nov. 19.

Tuesday night there was a preliminary meeting at the Social club rooms, called by the Board of trade, for the purpose of forming an organization to handle the county Y. M. C. A. campaign. The meeting had but a small attendance, however the work was properly launched, and soon the drive will be on.

Those who believed that after the Red Cross was organized, the Liberty loans subscribed, food conservation pledged, etc., that that would end the war work, were soon to get many shocks as time progresses. We believe that the work of the "stay-at-homes" is hardly begun.

Now our government properly sees fit to raise not less than 35 million dollars to be used for Y. M. C. A. work. The big work of soliciting this will begin next Sunday, November 11, and will close November 19.

The Y. M. C. A. of the army takes the place of the home fireside of the thousands of young men, who have gone out to fight our country's battles. Here they are provided with stationery and a place to write their letters home, provided with the latest magazines, newspapers and good books. They are given the glad hand, hearty cheer that is so much appreciated by the youth miles away from home and loved ones, and they are surrounded by good morals and are welded into a life of morality and social contentment. Oh, the "Y" has come to stay in our armies, and is nearly as necessary to our boys as are the foods they eat. This movement is under authority of the U. S. government and its funds fully safe-guarded and scientifically expended. This is the only feature of the American armies that provide expressly for the cheer, comfort and convenience of the men. Practically every letter you receive from the boys in the service has been written in a Y. M. C. A. tent or headquarters. At Battle Creek alone 32,000 envelopes are used weekly. It is estimated that less than 10% of the letters sent to the folks at home never would have been written had it not been for the privileges offered by the "Y."

This is really a most worthy cause and a noble one. When you are approached, please try and give as much as you can—according to your financial means. Do it! The cause is deserving.

The work in Crawford county will be conducted under the management of T. W. Hanson, chairman, and assisted by a general committee composed of Fred Welsh, Thomas Cassidy, Rev. A. A. Mitchell, Harry Simpson, Rev. J. J. Riess and Prof. M. Otterbein.

It is expected that sub-committees will be appointed at once and the general work of making a county canvas begun promptly.

#### MUST HAVE LICENSE TO SELL EXPLOSIVES.

#### Certified Statement of Sales Must be Furnished By Dealers.

All merchants and all buyers, possessors or sellers of explosives in the United States, under act of congress effective November 15, must obtain license to handle such explosives.

This war measure is under supervision of the bureau of mines. Merchants after obtaining license from the county clerk must keep accurate itemized record of all sales and report same giving name of purchaser, quantity purchased and kind of explosive to which they must make oath. License must also be obtained by farmers or others using explosives and such license must be presented to the dealer to entitle the patron to purchase. Dealers cannot sell explosives to those not holding and showing their license. The licensee in person must purchase his agent not being acceptable. License to purchase will be given only to citizens of the United States and to subjects or citizens of countries with which this nation is at peace. Purchasers or dealers license may be revoked at any time. Strict penalty is provided for violators.

#### New Ammunition Law Takes Effect November 15.

The new law regulating the manufacture and sale of explosives takes effect Nov. 15. Those requiring ammunition are requested to get their orders in before that time, and avoid disappointments. Stock up for future use. We have in stock all kinds of loaded shells in 10, 12, 16 and 20 gauges.

Salling Hanson Co.  
Hardware Dept.



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### AMUSEMENT AND OTHER WAR TAXES

#### Ten Per Cent Increase in Cost of Movie and Theatre Tickets.

Beginning November 1, amusement patrons will pay 10 per cent more for their theatre and movie tickets. The new war amusement tax is responsible for the increased cost. The new tax applies to all theatres, even the movies, except those whose maximum admission is not more than five cents, and will affect all patrons in the same way except children less than 12 years of age.

It is easy to compute what tickets will cost. Tickets for motion picture shows at 10 cents will now cost 11 cents, 15 cents raised to 17 cents, 25 cent tickets 28 cents. There is a charge of 1 cent for all classes of tickets for children under 12 years of age. This tax is payable by the patron and not the proprietor of the show.

The tax is only remitted in cases where the entire proceeds of a performance or any other form of entertainment is devoted exclusively to a religious, educational or charitable purpose.

Besides the theatre and increased postage war tax measures that went into effect November 1st:

Three per cent on payments for freight transportation.

Eight per cent on passenger fares.

Ten per cent on payments for Pullman and similar accommodations.

Five per cent on oil pipe line transportation.

One per cent for each 20 cents or fraction paid for express packages.

Five cents on each telegraph, telephone or radio message costing fifteen cents or more.

Ten per cent on club dues.

Eight cents on each \$100 of new life insurance and one cent on each dollar of premiums paid on fire, marine, casualty and other insurance policies.

Other taxes of the new law, including those on hard and soft drinks, incomes and war-excess profits, have been in effect since the law was approved October 3, but in indirect form.

The special stamp taxes on documents, legal instruments and parcel post packages do not go into effect until December 1. Increased rates on second-class mail matter becomes operative July 1 next.

Ship Christmas Letters and Par-

cels Early.

Mail not later than November 10th or 11th; letters and packages for the sailor and soldier boys abroad; no packages must weigh more than 20 pounds. For delivery in the United States or Canada mail a week or ten days earlier than usual.

## Wonderful!

Are the showings of new Fall and Winter Dress Goods. Plaids in all colors, 36-in. wide at \$1.00 per yard. Stripes in all colors, 50-in. wide at \$1.75 per yard.

Striped Silks in skirt lengths only 1 yard wide \$2.00 per yd.

New Autumn Georgettes in readiness. There are so many uses to which Georgettes may be put that its popularity is not a matter of vogue, but it seems that Georgette is more in demand this season than ever and for this reason we consider ourselves fortunate in having a complete assortment—all 40-in. wide at \$2.00 per yd.

New showing of Voiles, Scrim, Etamine, Marquisette and Cretonnes, for dressing your home for winter.

**Special** We have just what you so much need at this time—YARN—all colors, and KNITTING NEEDLES—all sizes, in white, amber and mahogany.

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Delicious and Tasty in Flavor and Strong in Nutritive Qualities

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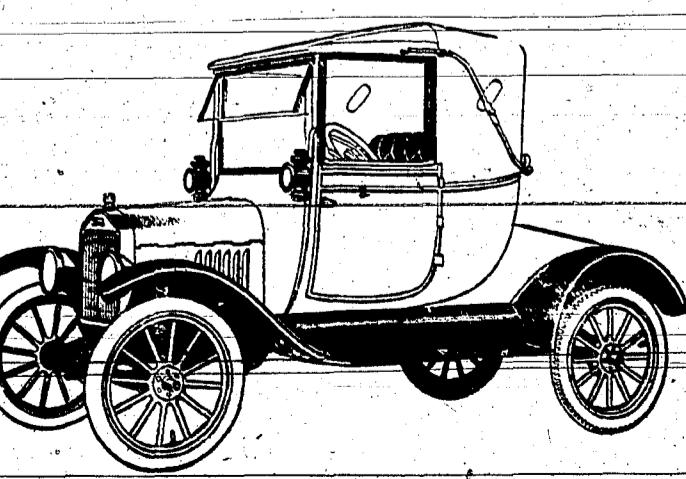
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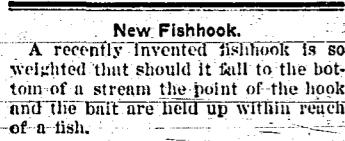
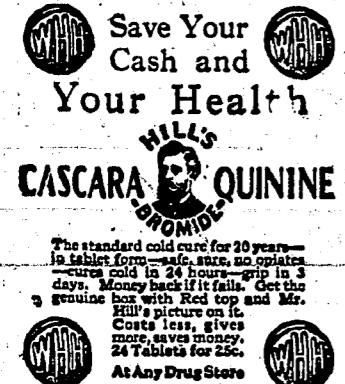
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The Ford Coupelet gives its owner a large measure of modern luxury in equipment and attractive appearance for small purchase price and the assurance of low cost for operation and maintenance. The permanent top does away with the bother of raising and lowering while the sliding plate glass windows, with removable pillars, transform it into a breezy open or a snugly closed car. The interior is roomy with generous seat deeply upholstered. It's a car of quality. Price \$505 f. o. b. Detroit.

GEORGE BURKE, Grayling, Michigan.







New Fishhook.

A recently invented fishhook is so weighted that should it fall to the bottom of a stream the point of the hook and the bait are held up within reach of a fish.

**RELIABLE REMEDY.**

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Be sure to get Swamp-Root and start treatment at once.

If you wish first to test this great prescription send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Springfield, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper—Adv.

**Operates in Open Air.**

Operating in public and in the open air, surgeon amputated a man's arm in Cincinnati. The man was machinist and had been caught in a concrete mixer, and was only released after an hour's work by the fire department. An ambulance was summoned, and the doctor decided the only hope of saving the man's life, because of loss of blood, was to operate at once. Then, surrounded by a ring of physicians, holding back the hundreds who gathered round, the surgeon commenced work. The operation took only a few minutes, and the man was fully conscious.

**Willing Sacrifice.**  
Sweet Girl—In the house next door was robbed last night.

Po—Mercy! Next door!

Sweet Girl—Yes, and the burglars have been in two or three houses on this terrace within a week.

Po—I know it. I know it. It's terrible! But what can we do?

Sweet Girl—I was thinking it might be a good plan for Mr. Niecello and me to sit up a few nights to watch them.

**Turkish Girls Wed Young.**  
Most Turkish girls marry between the ages of fourteen and eighteen.

Some women break into the gossip class because they are unable to attract attention in any other.

Chester, Pa., is to have a big steel ship plant.

**Save**  
**In the Use**  
**of Wheat**  
**By eating**  
**Grape-Nuts**

All the food value of the grain is used in making this delicious food; and its blend of malted barley not only adds to its nourishing qualities but produces a flavor of unusual richness.

**All Food—**  
**No Waste!**



1—American troops in France unloading machine guns, which they are now manning in the first line trenches; the mules are used to haul the guns to the front. 2—Col. Dan T. Moore of the field artillery who, in an aide to President Roosevelt, blinded the colonel in one eye in a boxing match. 3—Count Georges von Hertling, Bavarian premier, who has been appointed German imperial chancellor. 4—Night photograph of an Australian siege battery in operation.

## NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

**Italian Armies Drawn up Behind Tagliamento River to Fight Teutonic Invaders.**

**ALLIES RUSH TO THE RESCUE**

**Cadorna's Losses Severe But United Nation Supports Him—Germans Lose More Ground in Flanders**

**—American War Taxes Become Effective—More Luxburg Plotting Exposed.**

**By EDWARD W. PICKARD.**

The great Austro-German drive into northeastern Italy, and the magnificent resistance to the invasion organized by General Cadorna backed by a united and thoroughly aroused country held the center of the war stage last week. For strategic reasons, the Italian general staff would not permit publication of full details of the operations, but this much is known: The northern Italian army, the weakest of all, was broken by a furious surprise attack while feint attacks were being made further south; the First army, and in turn the Third, being outflanked, were compelled to fall back across the Isonzo and into the Friuli plains. The Third army, under the command of the duke of Aosta, retreated in orderly fashion and saved all its guns and material, but the others lost about 180,000 men and 1,500 guns, and immense quantities of stores were destroyed to keep them from falling into the enemy's hands.

Generally speaking, the retreat was conducted in a masterful way and the armies fell back to the Tagliamento river, while the rear guards delayed the pursuing Teutons and the cavalry harassed them. Meanwhile the Germans were trying hard to break through the Carnic Alps in order to turn the left flank of the Tagliamento line, but the troops in the passes at last accounts were holding them fairly well. In case they should give way, Count Cadorna had a second line of defense ready along the Piave river.

The first impetuous and almost unimpeded rush of the Austro-German forces had died down by Thursday when the center of their line had advanced to within four miles of the Tagliamento northwest of Udine. By that time they were in contact with the Italians at many points and were meeting with stubborn resistance, which was giving Cadorna opportunity to consolidate his defenses and to restore complete order and discipline.

Some large units of the Italian army

made a stand on the left bank of the Tagliamento, but the Teutons penetrated their line, captured the bridgehead positions at Oderio and Dignano, and took 60,000 more prisoners. The two main forces then faced each other on opposite sides of the river.

**Italy United, Allies Helping.**

If Germany hoped by this invasion to weaken Italy's war spirit and to cause internal dissension, it was badly fooled, for the opposite has come about. All factions sprang instantly to the support of the government, all reserves were called to the colors immediately, hundreds of convalescent officers pleaded to be sent back to their commands, and from all parts of the kingdom supplies, munitions and men were rushed to the front, every means of transportation being utilized solely by the military authorities.

Perhaps most important of all, in the long run, was the effect on the allies of Italy. Great Britain and France at once began hurrying reinforcements—men and guns—into Italy, and America, without a moment's hesitation, cast aside all export restrictions in favor of the invaded country, and permitted her to take whatever materials she wanted. We also arranged to give Italy a large amount of shipping to assist her own merchant marine in taking over the needed supplies, and extended to her a new credit of \$250,000,000. It is said Italy had long been asking for munitions from

the United States.

American Defense Society Would Have United States Make Immediate Declaration.

President Wilson was urged to call a special session of congress at an early date to declare war on Austria, in a resolution adopted by the board of trustees of the American Defense society at a meeting at New York.

The resolution further urges the transportation to Italy of a contingent

the allies, though this is denied by the London press. However, the military leaders of the entente are now aware of the importance of the Italian front, and there are indications that they will concentrate much of their efforts there during the winter, when operations in Flanders must necessarily be halted. This will be in accordance with the advice of an Italian general, given many months ago and hitherto ignored. The question of a joint allied war council to direct operations on all fronts is made more imperative by the Italian affair and may be settled at the coming conference in Paris. Everyone admits that lack of teamwork has been responsible for most of the reverses the allies have suffered.

It is expected that Germany will now make a new suggestion of peace, as she has done after each of her successful drives, and also it is expected that the allies will reject it with scorn, as in the past.

In Russia the peace agitation is dying down because of the German operations in the Gulf of Riga and the peril of the Gulf of Finland ports and of Petrograd. The crisis there served to strengthen the hands of the Kerensky government, and even the extreme Socialists and other radical factions are urging the army to resist further German advances. There was little fighting on the Russian front last week, and the German fleet apparently had abandoned or postponed its plans to enter the Gulf of Finland.

Good Gains in Flanders.

Attention must not be wholly diverted from the western front by the invasion of Italy. There was desperate fighting in Flanders in the course of which the French and British, with the efficient aid of the Belgian troops, made some very important gains.

In the swamps south of Dixmude the French and Belgians took Merckem peninsula and the village of Luyghem.

A little farther south the British kept up their attacks on the part of the Paschendaele ridge still held by the Germans, and the Canadians led in an offensive which carried them almost into the town itself. Further progress on this line will probably result in the capture of Roulers, an important rail center only six miles northeast of the ridge and already dominated by the British guns.

Along the Aisne and in the Verdun region the French successfully withstood all the attacks of the crown prince and inflicted heavy losses on him.

The allied aviators were especially busy during the week, dropping many

bombs on munition factories, depots, railway stations, aerodromes and all other military objectives within their reach. They do not seem yet to have started on a campaign of retaliatory raids on German towns, but that may come quickly, since Germany on Wednesday night sent some thirty airplanes in seven groups across the water to bomb London and other parts of England. Also the German aviators made a few more raids on Nancy.

In Africa and Mesopotamia the British made considerable progress. Last week, and they also announced the capture of Beersheba in Palestine.

Count George von Hertling, prime minister of Bavaria, has been appointed German chancellor, but seems to have well grounded fears that he cannot control a majority of the Reichstag. He is fully acceptable only to the Catholic center group. Holzschuch resigned as vice chancellor and was succeeded by Friedrich von Payer, a progressive.

Another U. S. Transport Torpedoed.

On Thursday the navy department

announced that another American transport, the Finland, had been struck by a torpedo when homeward bound. No one aboard was injured and the vessel was so little hurt that she returned to port under her own power.

The sinking of the Antilles brought about an announcement from Secretary Daniels that—hereafter naval crews will man all transports carrying American soldiers to France. The report of the British admiralty showed a marked falling off in the number of submarine victims for the week.

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, NOV. 8



#### RED CROSS NOTES

Crawford county ranks thirteenth in ratio of membership in proportion to population, among the 85 counties of Michigan. Our ratio is 18.02; Muskegon leads with 31.32; Michigan's average is 16.46.

The Hallowe'en benefit dance netted about \$50.00.

Turn as much knitting in before Thanksgiving as possible. Our hundred sets, particularly sweaters, is not yet in sight. How much have you done?

The Red Cross encourages young women considering a career to train for nursing. Twenty thousand nurses will be taken from this country to care for our armies abroad. Their

Places must be filled. It is time to begin now, before the country feels the shortage.

Anyone wishing articles sent the Navy, may send them thru the local chapter.

Goodfellowship Club Celebrates 20th Anniversary.

The Goodfellowship club celebrated its twentieth birthday Monday evening with a banquet at the home of Mrs. Charles Tromble, the only charter member still working with the Club.

Each member contributed to the after dinner speech-making usually with suggestions for club extension and improvement.

A remembrance of the occasion was presented to Mrs. Tromble by the other members of the club in appreciation of her long term as a loyal and devoted member.

Greetings were received from the following former members:

Mrs. Bessie Michelson Hartwick, first president and organizer of the club, Washington, D. C.; Miss Louise Williams, Ann Arbor; Mrs. Mary Woodruff Fuller, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Emma Woodburn, Detroit; Mrs. Ellen Fleming, Alma; Mrs. J. M. Woodworth Clark, Syracuse, N. Y., and Mrs. Benkelman, Detroit.

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## School Notes

### Grayling Schools.

The highest statement of the culture of a human nature, and of the best attainment that is set before it, is that as it grows better it grows more transparent and more simple. —Philip Brooks.

The history classes of the seventh grade have been attempting to aid the United States food administration, during the past week by doing without unnecessary sugar and candy.

The seventh graders are very much interested in comparing the Civil War with the one going on at the present time.

The weekly discussions in the Current Events classes are proving very interesting. They show that the pupils are reading and discussing present day problems.

The zoology class is making a study of the frog.

Parents and Teachers' club program for Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Business meeting.

Two songs:

Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Michigan My Michigan. (Audience).

Report of Child Welfare committee.

Instrumental solo—Miss Yull.

Paper on Kinds of Amusements—

Miss Wells.

Paper on Number of Amusements—

Mrs. Marion Hanson.

Composition based on Current events is proving very interesting to the eighth grades.

Several of the High school students who were absent last week are back in school having survived an attack of mumps.

The seventh B. class has completed the periods of Colonization and Settlement, and will soon take up the Revolutionary War.

Are we all liars? This is a question which came up in the English literature class discussion of Bacon. At least no one in the class volunteered to try and practice absolute honesty for a day.

Miss Wells is the new coach for the Girls' basketball team.

The "I" hop is slated for Friday, Jan. 25, 1918.

The senior U. S. history class is studying Washington's administration.

Frederic School Notes.

(TOO LATE FOR LAST WEEK.)

The Patriotic program which was held at the opera house last week brot forth much favorable comment. The pupils part in the program was much enjoyed. The address given by Capt. Osterlein of Grayling was timely. It made his audience think and as the committee reports, also act.

Bessie Malco was in Grayling Wednesday.

Lyle Merry of Gaylord was a visitor in the Int. room on Monday of this week.

The high school girls will take charge of the Friday morning exercises. Parents are cordially invited to attend all of these exercises.

Leota Cameron is again in school after a week's illness.

Edna Wythe was absent from school Monday on account of illness.

Lottie Forbes and Gertrude Bigham were also absent.

The kindergarten and Int. room gave a Hallowe'en party Wednesday afternoon, which was well attended and enjoyed by the parents.

School patrons: So you know that the Library association takes a score or more of good magazines? Come up any evening at 3:30 and make use of them. The list includes Colliers, Literary Digest, Illustrated World, Mc Clures, Hearst's, etc.

Boys and girls of primary rooms enjoyed a field trip one day last week. They have several specimens of seeds mounted as a result of their trip.

The snow storm this week has caused much absence in the primary room.

All the pupils of the school were excused Monday morning to see the Live Stock exhibition. The 8th grade has been putting a lot of time on what to feed stock.

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AuSable Valley School Notes.

The boys and girls spoke their pieces at the Grange very nicely, but there were not many Grangers present. They are going to try again however, and are already preparing for a Thanksgiving entertainment; there will also be a box social at the Grange that day, and we expect a little larger crowd.

We have two perfect and very neat arithmetic papers in the display corner, which belong to Herbert and Stanley Stephan.

The fourth grade are still struggling with written problems. They are "getting there" tho.

The fourth grade are commencing fractions.

The first and second grades are learning the "Pilgrim Story," are working on some little Plymouth Rock booklets.

The third and fourth grades are studying about the directions this week. They have a diagram of the dipper and North star made with cut-out stars in their geography booklets.

The third grade are enjoying some of the Greek myths for language this week. They say they would like the re-telling of them if they only had easier names.

We are planning on putting up a little store for the first grade arithmetic which we hope will enable them to

## CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

### U. S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION FOR POSTMASTER.

There will be an examination for postmaster of Grayling on Wednesday, November 28, 1917.

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Your Druggist Phone 18

### Local News

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Watch the hats that we're selling from \$3.50 up, at The Hat Shop. Nine A. Griffith.

Samuel Joseph of Detroit visited his father, Hyman Joseph and other relatives last Sunday.

Miss Maude Tetu returned Tuesday to Bay City after a several weeks' visit at her home here.

Mr. Millard, barber at the Kestenholz Barber shop, visited at his home in West Branch Monday.

Round Oak heating stoves and Round Oak Chief ranges. 11-1-t F. R. Deckrow.

Mr. and Mrs. George Darling of Whitehall, N.Y. are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Taylor.

Mrs. John Larson left Tuesday for a visit at the home of Mrs. J. Milnes, Saginaw. She intends to return home Monday.

Please take notice that our telephone number has been changed to 1555, mark it in your book. Peter E. Jorgenson's Livery Barn. 11-1-2

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Barber, Miss Celia Callahan and Ed. McDermald of Frederic attended the Red Cross dancing party here last week Wednesday night.

The Messrs. Ray Matthews and Leo Carmody of Cheboygan were in the city over last Sunday in the interest of the Knights of Columbus order, of that city.

Late election returns in New York state confirm the carrying of "Woman's Suffrage." In Ohio suffrage lost as old prohibition. What's wrong with Ohio?

Mrs. George Hartman of South Branch township was in Grayling on business Saturday. She has sold out her property there and, together with her daughters, has moved to Detroit to live.

We can measure men today by the manner in which they meet the new and unusual demands of the hour. Acid tests of character lurk in every call for sacrifice and service.—Moderator Topics.

John Roenspies of Beaver Creek, has decided to give up his dairy and farm business and move to Ohio. He is offering his cows, horses and equipment at private sale. See his advertisement on another page.

The regular monthly meeting of the Parents-Teachers' association will be held in the high school room next Tuesday evening, Nov. 13, at 7:30 o'clock. All ladies are invited to attend. Look for the program in the school notes.

Mrs. John Morrissey took her little daughter to the hospital in Ann Arbor this morning to have one of her eyes examined. The eye trouble is a result of an accident caused by some boy throwing a stone hitting her in the eye two months ago.

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# HEATING STOVES

The winter is before us and our people will need Heating Stoves. As usual we have tried to provide a line that stands for EFFICIENT SERVICE and ECONOMY in operation. Call and look over our line.

# SALLING, HANSON CO.

Hardware Department

Buy a 2nd Liberty Loan Bond

Mrs. N. A. Griffith of Gaylord was in the city on business Monday.

M. A. Bates and Peter F. Jorgensen were in Detroit on business Monday and Tuesday.

Spearing whitefish in Higgins lake is the latest sport among some of our Grayling citizens.

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Mr. and Mrs. Newell Underhill of Lowell visited the latter's parents here over last Sunday.

Mrs. Prudence Marshall returned last Saturday from a several weeks' stay at her home in Owosso.

Peter Lovely and family were in Bay City from Friday until Monday visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Holgar Hanson left Monday to spend a few days with friends in Brant being called there by the illness of her mother.

Charles Adams and family returned last Thursday from their vacation trip to Edmonton, Canada. They were gone for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Payson have arrived from Toledo, Ohio for their annual hunting trip and are at their cabin on the Au Sable.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roblin were in attendance at a "Silver" wedding anniversary at Bay City last week. They returned home Monday.

Miss Flora Hanson, who has been attending the Ashland college at Grant, returned home last Thursday. She expects to return later for the winter term.

Nick Schijotz, who left for Waco, Texas, Wednesday of last week was accompanied by his wife and Mrs. George N. Olson. They expect to return in a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Claude Gilson left yesterday afternoon for Sunfield, Mich. to visit relatives and friends, while Mr. Gilson leaves today for the Upper Peninsula, to enjoy his annual deer hunt.

The Altar Society of St. Mary's church will meet at the home of Mrs. Laura Tetu next Thursday afternoon, Nov. 15. Mrs. Harold Rasmussen and Mrs. David Montour will assist Mrs. Tetu.

Mrs. George Isenbauer returned home Tuesday from Bay City, where she had been called the "Friday previous" by the death of her nephew, Bierd Starks, who was killed instantly in coal mines there.

Our samples of Xmas greeting cards have just arrived. This is a way to beautifully remember your friends and the cost is not great. We have them in variety of prices. Positively no orders taken after November 24; even that time may be too late.

Avalanche office.

There will be a public mass meeting at the school house next Monday night in the interest of the Army Y. M. C. A. of America. F. C. Wegener, who is in charge of the "Y" work at Mt. Clemens, and is a member of Uncle Sam's aviation corps, will be present and address the meeting. Everybody come.

We wish to correct a statement made in our issue of last week, saying that Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Taylor of Necedah, Wis. This should have been Mr. and Mrs. George H. Darling of White Hall N. Y. parents of Mr. La Chapelle.

Ed Strell drove over from Mancelona Monday to attend to some business matters returning the same day. He with his wife, who was formerly Miss Anna Brown have returned from their honeymoon trip and are at the home of Mr. Strell's mother, in Mancelona. They expect to make their home in Mancelona for the present.

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Twelve members of Grayling Masonic Lodge attended a masonic school of instruction at Bay City Tuesday evening. There were four lodges represented—Grayling, West Branch, Roscommon and Rose City. The Grayling members say that they were really entertained and banqueted by West Branch members, and had a fine time. Third degree initiatory work was done by West Branch members. Grand lecturer F. O. Gilbert and H. D. Henderson, chairman of the jurisdictional committee of the Grand Lodge, were present in their official capacities. A nice compliment was conferred upon the local lodge when the latter, after examination of the secretary's books of Grayling Lodge, said that, "there are no finer kept Masonic lodge records in Michigan."

See Geo. L. Alexander & Son before purchasing automobile insurance.

The old Olson livery barn will open up for business tomorrow morning as a feed and livery barn. William Burt, proprietor.

Clyde Hum, who enlisted in an Ordinance Reserve corps the latter part of September, came home from Ann Arbor, where he has been training, Sunday morning for a short visit with his father, Postmaster Hum. He left early Monday morning for Grand Rapids, where he had been ordered to take an examination. A telegram received from him by his father last night from Detroit stated that he was leaving for Boston, where he will enter an arsenal for five weeks' training.

One of the plants advocated in food conservation is that consumers should insist that they get full weight in the purchase of potatoes and other vegetables. A bushel of potatoes should contain sixty pounds, and any one selling less than that for a bushel is violating a state law and subject to a fine. We note in a nearby city, where a dealer paid a fine of \$2.95 and costs for selling 13% pounds of potatoes for a peck, so, that it behooves both sellers and buyers to avoid mistakes.—Ex.

Housewives should be on the lookout with a gun for a man who claims to be a representative of the government who goes from house to house and after ascertaining the amount of canned fruit on hand levies a tax of five cents per quart. This man is said to have worked several communities of the state and collected quite a sum of money from unsuspecting housewives. The government is not placing a tax on canned fruit, neither are they going to confiscate it. It appears at your home hold him and notify the sheriff.

On the heels of the unfounded rumor that the United States government intends to confiscate the canned goods put up by industrious housewives, pro-Germans are now spreading the report in this community that the government intends to confiscate the money on deposit in banks. So widespread is this rumor that numerous inquiries from anxious depositors have been made at local banks. Of course there is not a word of truth in the rumor. It is simply circulated by German sympathizers with a view to create distrust and causing the government of the United States as much trouble as possible. As a matter of fact the government of the United States is so vitally concerned in the support of the banking institutions of the country that it not only encourages the people of the United States to deposit their savings in banks, but new laws which are of great benefit not only to banks but to depositors have been passed. The state of Michigan passed a law long ago which makes the circulation of unfounded rumors of this sort, calculated to injure banks, a penal offense, and anyone circulating such rumors is liable to arrest and imprisonment.—Ann Arbor Times-News.

Methodist Episcopal Church Notes.

Services are held in the "Danebod" every Sunday. Morning service at 10:30 o'clock. Evening at 7:00 o'clock. Citizens please note:

On Sunday next a special speaker in the person of Dr. Stair will address the people of Grayling morning and evening. Dr. Stair is stationed at Detroit and is one of Bishop Henderson's picked men. Come and hear him speak in the Danish hall on Sunday morning and evening.

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**Ship Christmas Letters and Parcels Early.**

Mail not later than November 10th or 11th, letters and packages for the sailor and soldier boys abroad; no packages must weigh more than 20 pounds. For delivery in the United States or Canada mail a week or ten days earlier than usual.

S. G. Sealright, the optometrist, that has visited Grayling for over twenty years is now at McLean's Hotel. Will remain ten days. Eyes tested free. Optical goods of the very best. Prices of the very lowest.

E. J. OLSON, Prop'r.  
Next Door to Central Drug Store

GRAYLING CITIZEN DIED IN TEKONSHA.

Geo. W. Brott, Well Known About County Answers Last Call.

News was received Monday forenoon that George W. Brott has passed away at the home of his son at Tekonsha, Mich., his boyhood home, as a result of asthma trouble.

Mr. Brott left Grayling for Tekonsha Oct. 14. Before leaving he was in poor health and at that time he remarked to some of his most intimate friends that he doubted if he would ever return home alive. He seemed to have a premonition that he could not live long.

He was a veteran of the Civil war in which he had a splendid record. He was a thorough patriot and was ever ready in defense of his flag and country.

He was a member of Company A, 28th Michigan Infantry, from which he received an honorable discharge at Raleigh, N. C. May, 1866.

During this time he had lived in Crawford county—he was engaged in farming and in Grayling dealt in real estate. He was quite an extensive property owner in this city. Mr. Brott was a man who had faith in his opinions and was always ready to state where stood on public affairs. He was strong-minded—but always willing to listen to reason. In all he was a good citizen and always a booster for Crawford county. He was strictly business in all his dealings and his integrity was never impeached.

We are indeed sorry to lose Mr. Brott. He has lived a useful and active life and his familiar figure will be missed for a long time to come by Grayling people.

He is survived by four sons: Alton, of Beaver Creek township, Palmer of Colorado, S. V. A. who is now residing somewhere in the southern states, and Roy of Tekonsha.

His funeral was held in Tekonsha yesterday, and his body laid beside that of his wife—who preceded him last.

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**A Piece of Good Fortune.**

In these days of high prices it is refreshing to find one article of nationwide demand that will not cost more than it did last year, and yet will be more valuable than it has ever been.

The Youth's Companion subscription price, \$2.00, will not be increased. The 52 issues of 1918 will be packed full of the best stories by the most popular writers. The Editorial page, the Boys' page, Girls' page, Family page and all the departments will bring a vast amount of cheer, good entertainment and information for every reader in the family circle.

By special arrangement new subscribers for The Companion can also have McCall's magazine—the fashion authority—for 1918, both publications for only \$2.25.

This two-in-one-price offer includes:

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The Youth's Companion, Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. New subscriptions received at this office.

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**Ink Spot Obliterators.**

Ink spots are the most troublesome of all spots to remove. Ink on white material may be removed by dipping it first in muriatic acid and then in hot water, repeating as often as necessary.

Colored material should be soaked in turpentine and then washed. If the

ink on rug or clothing is still wet, cover immediately with flour, starch or cornmeal, renewing as fast as the ink is soaked up. Then use lemon juice or sour milk. A solution of a cupful of water, the juice of a lemon and a teaspoonful of oxalic acid is a useful ink remover to keep in the house. The mixture should be labeled "Poison," as oxalic acid is poisonous. Ammonia will restore colors faded in removing ink. Soft water should always be used in removing stains from clothing.

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### RED CROSS NOTES

Crawford county ranks thirteenth in ratio of membership in proportion to population, among the 85 counties of Michigan. Our ratio is 18.02; Muskegon leads with 31.52; Michigan's average is 16.46.

The Hallowe'en benefit dance netted about \$50.00.

Turn as much knitting in before Thanksgiving as possible. Our hundred sets, particularly sweaters, is not yet in sight. How much have you done?

The Red Cross encourages young women considering a career to train for nursing. Twenty thousand nurses will be taken from this country to care for our armies abroad. Their

places must be filled. It is time to begin now, before the country feels the shortage.

Any one wishing articles sent the Navy, may send them thru the local chapter.

#### Goodfellowship Club Celebrates 20th Anniversary.

The Goodfellowship club celebrated its twentieth birthday Monday evening with a banquet at the home of Mrs. Charles Tromble, the only charter member still working with the Club.

Each member contributed to the after-dinner speech-making usually with suggestions for club extension and improvement.

A remembrance of the occasion was presented to Mrs. Tromble by the other members of the club in appreciation of her long term as a loyal and devoted member.

Greetings were received from the following former members:

Mrs. Bessie Michelson Hartwick, first president and organizer of the club, Washington, D. C.; Miss Louise Williams, Ann Arbor; Mrs. Mary Woodruff Fuller, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Eunice Woodburn Detroit; Mrs. Ellen Fleming, Alma; Mrs. J. Ernest Woodward Clark, Syracuse, N. Y., and Mrs. Benkelman, Detroit.

#### SUBSCRIBE FOR THE AVALANCHE.

For a Weak Stomach.

As a general rule all you need to do is to adopt a diet suited to your age and occupation and to keep your bowels regular. When you feel that you have eaten too much and when constipated take one of Chamberlain's Tablets.

#### Riverview

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## School Notes

### Graying Schools.

The highest statement of the culture of a human nature, and of the best attainment that is set before it, is that as it grows better it grows more transparent and more simple. Philip Brooks.

The history classes of the seventh grade have been attempting to aid the United States food administration, during the past week by doing without unnecessary sugar and candy.

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Are we all liars? This is a question which came up in the English literature class discussion of Bacon. At least no one in the class volunteered to try and practice absolute honesty for a day.

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Bessie Malco was in Graying Wednesday.

Lyle Merry of Gaylord was a visitor in the Int. room on Monday of this week.

The high school grades will take charge of the Friday morning exercises. Parents are cordially invited to attend all of these exercises.

Leon Cameron is again in school after a week's illness.

Edna Wythe was absent from school Monday on account of illness.

Lottie Forbes and Gertrude Bigham were also absent.

The kindergarten and Int. room gave a Hallowe'en party Wednesday afternoon, which was well attended and enjoyed by the parents.

School patrons: So you know that the Library association takes a score or more of good magazines? Come up any evening at 3:30 and make use of them. The list includes Colliers, Literary Digest, Illustrated World, Mc Clures, Hearsts, etc.

Boys and girls of primary rooms enjoyed a field trip one day last week. They have several specimens of seeds mounted as a result of their trip.

The snow storm this week has caused much absence in the primary room.

All the pupils of the school were excused Monday morning to see the Live Stock exhibition. The 8th grade has been putting a lot of time on what to feed stock.

AuSable Valley School Notes.

The boys and girls spoke their pieces at the Grange very nicely, but there were not many Grangers present. They are going to try again however, and are already preparing for a Thanksgiving entertainment; there will also be a box social at the Grange that day—and we expect a little larger crowd.

We have two perfect and very neat arithmetic papers in the display corner, which belong to Herbert and Stanley Stephan.

The fourth grade are still struggling with written problems. They are "getting there" tho.

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The first and second grades are learning the "Pilgrim Story," are working on some little Plymouth Rock booklets.

The third and fourth grades are studying about the directions this week. They have a diagram of the dipper and North star made with cut out stars in their geography booklets.

The third grade are enjoying some of the Greek myths for language this week. They say they would like the re-telling of them if they only had easier names.

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Paper on Kinds of Amusements—Miss Wells.

Paper on Number of Amusements—Mrs. Marius Hauser.

Composition based on Current events is proving very interesting to the eighth grades.

The zoology class is making a study of the frog.

Parents and Teachers' club program for Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Business meeting.

Two songs:

Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Michigan My Michigan. (Audience)

Report of Child Welfare

# Save Your Bottles

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### Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, NOV. 8

Anyway the three-cent stamp is prettier than the two-cent.

Watch the hats that we are selling from \$3.50 up, at The Hat Shop. Nina A. Griffith.

Samuel Joseph of Detroit visited his father, Hyman Joseph, and other relatives last Sunday.

Miss Maude Tetu returned Tuesday to Bay City after a several weeks' visit at her home here.

Mr. Millard, barber at the Keatholtz Barber shop, visited at his home in West Branch Monday.

Round Oak heating stoves and Round Oak Chief ranges. 11-1-1 F. R. Deckrow.

Supt. M. Otterbein was in attendance at the State Teachers' association, held in Grand Rapids, last week.

Miss Hetty Balhoff returned Monday to Bay City after a few days' visit with her parents and other relatives.

Band dance Friday night at Temple theatre. You are invited. Admission 75¢ per couple. Music by band and Clark's orchestra.

Miss Fulah Maxwell of the Hathaway store expects to leave today for a week's visit among friends in Wolverine, Gladwin and Fairgrove.

Miss Bernadette Cassidy returned the latter part of the week from a ten days' vacation spent in Greenville, Grand Rapids and other places.

Nina A. Griffith has selected Miss Edith Walker, of Detroit, as trimmer for The Hat Shop. Miss Brosius left for her home in Detroit, Sunday.

Mrs. Mae Kitzbeck and daughter Mabel will entertain the National League ladies for their regular social meeting next Thursday, Nov. 15, at 2:00 o'clock.

Capt. W. M. Case, wife and two children left Grayling Thursday last for an extended vacation. They went first to Owosso, their old home, to visit friends. Later they will visit other cities and states. They intend to return to Grayling about April 1.

The Salling Hanson company band mill closed down last week Thursday night for the winter, but due to a break down in the big mill, operations were temporarily resumed. It was necessary to close one of the mills because of the shortage of labor in the mills and also in the lumber woods.

Dr. Stair of Detroit, a special speaker appointed by Bishop Henderson, will address the people of Grayling at the regular meetings of the M. E. congregation at Danebod hall next Sunday. Dr. Stair is an eloquent and scholarly speaker and we believe our people will be specially interested in hearing him. Attend both meetings next Sunday.

## CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

Mrs. N. A. Griffith of Gaylord was in the city on business Monday.

M. A. Bates and Peter F. Jorgensen were in Detroit on business Monday and Tuesday.

Spearing whitefish in Higgins lake is the latest sport among some of our Grayling citizens.

Samuel Joseph of Detroit, visited his father, H. Joseph, and other relatives here over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Underhill of Lovells visited the latter's parents here over last Sunday.

Mrs. Prudence Marshall returned last Saturday from a several weeks' visit at her home in Owosso.

Peter Lovely and family were in Bay City from Friday until Monday visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Holgar Hanson left Monday to spend a few days with friends in Brant being called there by the illness of her mother.

Charles Adams and family returned last Thursday from their vacation trip to Edmonton, Canada. They were gone for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Payson have arrived from Toledo, Ohio for their annual hunting trip, and are at their cabin on the Au Sable.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roblin were in attendance at a "Silver" wedding anniversary at Bay City last week. They returned home Monday.

Mrs. Flora Hanson, who has been attending the Ashland college at Grant, returned home last Thursday. She expects to return later for the winter term.

Nick Schjotz, who left for Waco, Texas, Wednesday of last week was accompanied by his wife and Mrs. George N. Olson. They expect to return in a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Claude Gilson left yesterday afternoon for Sunfield, Mich., to visit relatives and friends, while Mr. Gilson leaves today for the Upper Peninsula, to enjoy his annual deer hunt.

The Altar Society of St. Mary's church will meet at the home of Mrs. Laura Tetu next Thursday afternoon, Nov. 15. Mrs. Harold Rasmussen and Mrs. David Montour will assist Mrs. Tetu.

Mrs. George Isenauer returned home Tuesday from Bay City, where she had been called the Friday previous by the death of her nephew, Bierd Starks, who was killed instantly in coal mines there.

Our samples of Xmas greeting cards have just arrived. This is a way to beautifully remember your friends, and the cost is not great. We have them in a variety of prices. Positive no orders taken after November 24; even that time may be too late. Avalanche office.

There will be a public mass meeting at the schoolhouse next Monday night, in the interest of the Army Y. M. C. A. of America. F. C. Wegener, who is in charge of the "Y" work at Mt. Clemens, and is a member of Uncle Sam's aviation corps, will be present and address the meeting. Everybody come.

We wish to correct a statement made in our issue of last week, saying that Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Taylor of this city, attended the funeral of their grand-daughter Mrs. Alvin La Chapelle at Necedah, Wis. This should have been Mr. and Mrs. George H. Darling of White Hall N. Y. parents of Mr. La Chapelle.

The regular monthly meeting of the Parents-Teachers' association will be held in the high school room next Tuesday evening, Nov. 13, at 7:30 o'clock. All ladies are invited to attend. Look for the program in the school notes.

Mrs. John Morrissey took her little daughter to the hospital in Ann Arbor this morning to have one of her eyes examined. The eye trouble is a result of an accident caused by some boy throwing a stone hitting her in the eye two months ago.

Those who treat food conservation as a joke, absolutely fail to catch the spirit of the times. Every person should cheerfully sacrifice some of his pleasure and many of his comforts now, and feel the real satisfaction of doing his duty. — Moderator Topics.

The ladies' of the Altar society of St. Mary's church with their husbands gathered at the parsonage Thursday evening to help their pastor Fr. Riess celebrate his birthday anniversary. Their estimable pastor was presented with a sum of money as a gift from the Altar society.

See Geo. L. Alexander & Son before purchasing automobile insurance.

The old Olson livery barn will open up for business tomorrow morning as a feed and livery barn. William Burt, proprietor.

Clyde Hum, who enlisted in an Ordnance Reserve corps the latter part of September, came home from Ann Arbor, where he has been training, Sunday morning for a short visit with his father, Postmaster Hum. He left early Monday morning for Grand Rapids, where he had been ordered to take an examination. A telegram received from him by his father last night from Detroit stated that he was leaving for Boston, where he will enter an arsenal for five weeks' training.

One of the plants advocated in food conservation is that consumers should insist that they get full weight in the purchase of potatoes and other vegetables.

A bushel of potatoes should contain sixty pounds, and any one

selling less than that for a bushel is

violating a state law and subject to fine.

We note in a nearby city,

where a dealer paid a fine of \$22.55

and costs for selling 13% pounds of

potatoes for a peck, so that it be-

hooves both sellers and buyers to

avoid mistakes.—Ex.

Houses should be off the look-

out with a gun for a man who claims

to be a representative of the govern-

ment who goes from house to house

and after ascertaining the amount of

canned fruit on hand levies a tax of

five cents per quart. This man is

said to have worked several communi-

ties of the state and collected quite

a sum of money from unsuspecting

housewives. The government is not

placing a tax on canned fruit, neither

are they going to confiscate it. It

is appears at your home hold him

and notify the sheriff.

On the heels of the unfounded rumor that the United States govern-

ment intends to confiscate the canned

goods put up by industrious house-

wives pro-Germans are now spread-

ing the report in this community

that the government intends to con-

fiscate the money on deposit in banks.

So widespread is this rumor that

numerous inquiries from anxious de-

positors have been made at local

banks. Of course there is not a word

of truth in the rumor. It is simply a

circulated by German sympathi-

ziers with a view to create distrust

and causing the government of the

United States as much trouble as pos-

sible. As a matter of fact the gov-

ernment of the United States is so

vitaly concerned in the support of

the banking institutions of the coun-

try that it not only encourages the

people of the United States to deposit

their savings in banks, but new laws

which are of great benefit not only to

banks but to depositors have been

passed. The state of Michigan pass-

ed a law long ago which makes the

circulation of unfounded rumors of

this sort, calculated to injure banks,

a penal offense, and anyone circulat-

ing such rumors is liable to arrest

and imprisonment. — Ann Arbor

Times News.

**GRAYLING CITIZEN DIED IN TEKONSHA.**

**Geo. W. Brott, Well Known About County Answered Last Call.**

News was received Monday forenoon that George W. Brott has passed away at the home of his son at Tekonsha, Mich., his boyhood home, as a result of asthma trouble.

Mr. Brott left Grayling for Tekonsha Oct. 14. Before leaving he was in poor health and at that time he remarked to some of his most intimate friends that he doubted if he would ever return home alive. He seemed to have a premonition that he could not live long.

He was a veteran of the Civil War in which he had a splendid record. He was a thoracic patriot and was ever ready in defense of his flag and country. He was a member of Company A, 28th Michigan Infantry, from which he received an honorable discharge at Raleigh, N. C. May, 1865.

During this time he has lived in Crawford county he was engaged in farming and in Grayling dealt in real estate.

He was quite an extensive property owner in this city. Mr. Brott was a man who had faith in his opinions and was always ready to state where stood on public affairs. He was strong minded but always willing to listen to reason. In all he was a good citizen and always a booster for Crawford county. He was strictly business in all his dealings and his integrity was never impeached.

We are indeed sorry to lose Mr. Brott. He has lived a useful and active life and his familiar figure will be missed for a long time to come by Grayling people.

He is survived by four sons: Alton, of Beaver Creek township, Elmer of Colorado, S. V. A. who is now residing somewhere in the southern states, and Roy of Tekonsha.

His funeral was held in Tekonsha yesterday, and his body laid beside that of his wife who preceded him last.

**A Piece of Good Fortune.**

In these days of high prices it is refreshing to find one article of nationwide demand that will not cost more than it did last year, and yet will be more valuable than it has ever been.

The Youth's Companion subscription price, \$2.00, will not be increased. The \$2 issues of 1918 will be packed full of the best stories by the most popular writers. The Editorial page, the Boys' page, Girls' page, Family page and all the departments will bring a vast amount of cheer, good entertainment and information for every reader in the family circle.

By special arrangement new subscribers for The Companion can also have McCall's magazine—the fashion authority—for 1918, both publications for only \$2.25.

This two-at-one-price offer includes:

1. The Youth's Companion—\$2 issues in 1918.
2. All remaining 1917 issues of The Companion free.
3. The Companion Home calendar for 1918.
4. McCall's magazine—12 fashion numbers in 1918.

All for only \$2.25.

The Youth's Companion, Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. New subscriptions received at this office.

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**Ink Spot Obliterators.**

Ink spots are the most troublesome of all spots to remove. Ink on white material may be removed by dipping it first in muriatic acid and then in hot water, repeating as often as necessary. Colored material should be soaked in turpentine and then washed. If the ink on rug or clothing is still wet, cover immediately with flour, starch or cornmeal, renewing as fast as the ink is soaked up. Then use lemon juice or sour milk. A solution of a cupful of water, the juice of a lemon and a teaspoonful of oxalic acid is a useful ink remover to keep in the house. The mixture should be labeled "Poison," as oxalic acid is poisonous. Ammonia will restore colors faded in removing ink. Soft water should always be used in removing stains from clothing.

**An Old Man's Stomach.**

As we grow older and less active, less and less food is required to meet the demands of our bodies. If too much is habitually taken, the stomach will rebel. When a man reaches the advanced age of 85 or 90, you will find that he is a light eater. Be as careful as you will, however, you will occasionally eat more than you should and will feel the need of Chamberlain's Tablets to correct the disorder. These tablets do not contain pepsin, but strengthens the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels.

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## Thanksgiving

Thrift should be the keynote in your Thanksgiving clothes buying, this year of all years.

## CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

# WAR MESSAGE OF WILSON DISTORTED

German People Not Permitted to Read Full Text of President's Address.

## EFFECT ON PUBLIC FEARED

Copy Issued by Committee on Public Information Shows Important Passages That Were Suppressed.

The German government did not dare to communicate to the German people the full text of President Wilson's war message of April 2, 1917. It feared the influence which the unabridged text of this message might have upon the opinion of the people. Therefore the official message of the president of the United States was presented to Germany in an abridged and distorted form.

The committee on public information of the United States government has prepared a copy of this message showing the passages which were suppressed in the report of the Wolff Telegraph bureau when the message of the president was published to the whole world. These passages are shown in bold-faced type in the following copy of the message. The Wolff Telegraph bureau is not only under censorship control of the German government, but has been consistently employed by the government for the promulgation of official opinions.

Gentlemen of the Congress:

I have called the congress into extraordinary session because there are serious and serious choices of policy to be made, and must be made, quickly, while it is neither right nor constitutionally permissible that I should assume the responsibility of making.

On the 3d of February last I officially laid before you the extraordinary announcement of the Imperial German government—on the 1st instant, day of February it was its purpose to put aside all restraints of law or of humanity and use its submarines to sink every vessel that sought to approach either the ports of Great Britain and Ireland or the western coasts of Europe.

It will involve the organization and mobilization of all the material resources of the country to supply the industrial needs of the nation in the most abundant and yet the most economical and efficient way possible.

It will involve the immediate full equipment of the navy in all respects, but particularly in supplying it with the best means of dealing with the enemy submarine.

It will involve—the immediate addition to the armed forces of the United States already provided for by law in case of war, of at least 500,000 men who should, in my opinion, be chosen upon the principle of universal liability to service, and also the authorization of additional increments of the land and naval forces accredited to the government as soon as they may be needed and can be had in training.

It will involve also, of course, the granting of adequate credits to the government, sustained, I hope, so far as they are equitably sustained by the present generation, by well-conceived taxation.

I am satisfied so far as may be equitable by taxation, because it seems to me that it would be most unwise to base the credits, which will now be necessary, entirely on money borrowed.

It will involve the immediate call upon Mexico City to recognize the neutrality of our ports, and to grant a free and safe harbor to all the vessels of friendly neutrals along with those of belligerents.

Even hospital ships and ships carrying relief to the sorely harassed and stricken people of neutral nations, those the latter are entitled, with safety and through the proscribed arms by the German government itself, and were distinguished by unmistakable marks of identity, have been sunk with the same reckless lack of compassion or principle.

It will involve, for a little while, unable to believe that such things could in fact be done by any government that had hitherto subscribed to the humane practices of civilized nations.

International law has its origin in the attempt to make some arrangement, however imperfect, among the nations, that the world might be secure against the war of all against all.

We have seen the results of the war, where no nation had right of dominion and where lay the feeblest ways of the world. By painful stages after stage has law been built up with meager enough results, indeed often with disastrous results, to the world.

But notwithstanding, with a clear view of least of what the heart and conscience of mankind demanded,

This minimum of right the German government has swept aside under the plea of national interest, notwithstanding the fact that no nation which it could use at all except those which it is impossible to employ at all is employing them without throwing to the wind all scruples of humanity or of respect for the understandings that were supposed to underlie the international law of war.

The challenge is to all mankind. Each nation must decide for itself how it will meet it. The choice we make for ourselves must be made with a moderation of counsel and temperance, and with a spirit of self-sacrifice and our motives as a nation. We must put excited feelings away. Our motive will not be revenge or the victorious assertion of the physical might of the nation, but only the vindication of right, human rights, as we understand them.

When I addressed the congress on the 26th of February last I thought it would suffice to assert our neutral rights with arms, our right to use the sea against unlawful interference, our right to keep our peaceful neighbors from violating our rights. But this, I now see, is impracticable. Because

submarines are in effect outlaws, when used as German submarines have been, and against whom nothing is possible to defend save intercepting their attacks, as the law of nations has assumed that merchantmen would defend themselves against privateers or pirates, visible craft giving chase upon the open sea. It is common prudence in such circumstances, grim necessity in such circumstances, to destroy them before they have shown their own intention. They must be dealt with upon sight if dealt with at all.

The German government denies the right of neutrals to use arms at all within the areas of the sea which it has proclaimed. We have the defense of rights which no modern public has ever before questioned their right to defend. The intimation is conveyed that the armed guards which we have placed on our merchant ships will be treated as beyond the pale of law and must be destroyed if they would be used. Armed neutrality is ineffectual enough at best; in such circumstances and in the face of such pretensions it is worse than ineffectual; it is likely only to produce what it was intended to prevent—it is practically certain to do more, to weaken still further the rights or the effectiveness of the belligerents. There is one choice we cannot make, we are incapable of making: we will not choose the path of submission and suffer the most sacred rights of our citizens and our people to be ignored or violated. We will stand, which which we now array ourselves, are no common wrongs; they cut to the very roots of human life.

With a profound sense of the solemn and even tragic character of the step taken, and of the grave responsibilities which it involves, I have been reluctantly obedient to what I deem my constitutional duty. I advise that the congress declare the recent course of the Imperial German government to be in fact nothing less than war against the government and people of the United States.

That future peace will be secured by the removal of the belligerent thins that have been happening within the last few weeks in Russia? Russia was known by those who knew her best to have been always in fact democratic in heart in all vital habits of thought in all the intimate relations of men, of people that spoke their natural instinct, their habitual attitude toward life. The autocracy thatrowned the summit of her political structure, long as it had stood and powerful as was the reality of its power, was not in Russia, nor does it have been, nor is it now, nor has it been shaken off and the great generous Russian people have been added, in all their native majesty and might, to the forces that are fighting for freedom in the world, for justice, and for peace.

It is a short partner for a League of Nations.

One of the things that have served to convince us that the Prussian autocracy was not and could never be our friend is that from the very outset of the present war it has filled our unsuspecting communities, and even our troops of government, with a spirit of suspicion everywhere abroad against our national unity of counsel, our peace within and without, our industries, and our commerce. Indeed it is now evident that its apes were here even before the winds began and it is不幸ly not a single instance of the present war that it has filled our troops of government, with a spirit of suspicion everywhere abroad against our national unity of counsel, our peace within and without, our industries, and our commerce. 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# The Protector of Finance

Tales of Resilius Marvel, Guardian of Bank Treasure

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## THE COUNTERFEIT WARD

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**T**HE books of the Atlas National bank contain many a mention of millionaire Robert Dale. This would be natural, for he was our oldest and most prominent director in the institution. His dealings had run up into the millions. But a plain record and a clean sheet were all the sure indications, showing no more, no less, than the bare limit account of some saving underpaid clerk laying aside an ill-spurred surplus for a rainy day.

When it comes to the secret archives, however, the confidential files accessible only to the officers and credit manager of the bank, that is a different proposition. He had company in that department—a ghostly troop of family skeletons, closeted at home safely, locked away from public view in the strong steel safety vaults. Should they ever parade forth, one Basil Trego, among several of like mold, would strut and caper across the stage and vanish leaving the impression that honored names are sometimes a farce and honest men a rarity. It might then be shown how and why that great protector of finance, the active head of the United Bankers' Protective Association, Resilius Marvel, was called into the most secret councils of the Atlas National, a ward of disgrace and peril from our valued friend and client, and finally to save his life and his millions.

I recall Robert Dale just as he appeared that bright June morning when the president of our institution summoned me to his private office, and the gravity and earnestness of his face influenced me to the belief that something out of the ordinary was in the wind.

"Mr. Dale is in the directors' office," advised our chief official, "and wishes to see you. I have told him of certain attributes of yours that we have recognized—a close mouth, a strictly business attitude, and unfaltering accuracy of judgment."

"I thank you," I bowed, with a natural glow of pleasure at the handsome compliment.

"Poor Dale!" observed the president. "He needs the exercise of all these qualifications. Indeed, a journey on your part may be necessitated. Fall in with his plans, whatever they may be."

I proceeded at once to join the waiting visitor. He accepted just a friendly manner and touched a chair by his side.

"I am going to ask a good deal of you," he said, "so far as I can never sufficiently repay you for because I wish you to share my troubles, and the load isn't a light one. I want a man who can remember always, yet forget absolutely so far as others are concerned. It is about my step-nephew, Basil Trego."

The last name was not unfamiliar to me, but I did not show that this was so. I recalled the first incident within my knowledge of the young man where a music hall dancer had kicked her dainty slipper into his lap, high honor for the shallow-pated youth, who proceeded to lavish his own and the money of others upon her. It had led to the presentation and payment of a forged check on his uncle. Nor was it the only one.

We of the bank had never let Mr. Dale know what we suspected. When he passed over the forgeries, accepting his loss in silence, the incident was dropped so far as we were concerned. Therefore, this honorable old business man fancied he was imparting to me a great secret when he said in a tone infinitely depressed and serious:

"My nephew, Basil Trego, is a forger."

"For over two years this young man," continued the millionaire, "has led a life of idle profligacy, riot and revel. Not once, but twenty times he has passed checks on this institution bearing my forged name. There was a lapse where, I suppose, realizing that he was my nearest living relative and likely to inherit my fortune, he curbed his extravagance. A few months since, however, he issued two forged notes to my name for over \$30,000. Later he took some securities from my safe, disposed of them, fled to New York city, and associated himself there with a notorious set of gamblers, among them a woman known as Sara Brühl."

I made a mental note of this for future reference, while Mr. Dale went on:

"A week since he appeared at my home in a desperate condition of fright and actual or pretended remorse. He begged of me a final \$5,000, to go to some foreign place of refuge and redeem his blighted past. He realized that I had put up safeguards to outwit any further forgeries or peculations. I sternly told him my decision. My will was made, and he was cut off without a dollar. I had written abroad to the orphan daughter of a distant relative, Miss Winifred Dunscombe, who was studying art at Rome, offering her a home and to make her my heiress, if she would come here. As to himself, I gave him one hundred dollars, told him to go to Windsor over the river from Detroit, in Canada, there to await from me a final proposition as to what I would do for him in the future in a money way."

"He is there now!" I ventured to inquire.

"Awaiting the arrival of my representative, whom I solicit you to be. Since he left the city I have received a remarkable letter. It is from a man in New York city. He had the letter written by another, for says he is blind himself—blinded, he claims, through the effects of a drug administered to him by this Sara Brühl. He accuses my nephew of inciting that person to rob him, desert him and leave him penniless and blind. He asks no money from me, he demands

weeks. You remember the young lady I spoke to you about—Miss Winifred Dunscombe? It seems that she is very beautiful, and I have learned that her portrait was painted at Rome and made much of. I immediately purchased it by cable, and it is now on the way to this country. It may arrive within the next ten days. I want you to obtain it at the express office here and store it safely, as I greatly value it, until I return or order it delivered at the house, which will be closed up, to give the two servants a chance to visit their old homes during my absence."

"I shall be glad to take charge of the portrait," I said willingly, accepting the order on the express company which he tendered me.

To a man of my quiet humdrum ways all this had been interesting to a degree. Often, too, those minor actors in the drama, Sara Brühl and Basil Trego, drifted into my mind, and one day I dropped into the office of the United Bankers' Protective Association and told Resilius Marvel all the details of the strange drama.

The portrait from abroad had meantime arrived. I had gone to the express office, received for it, and had it delivered at the bank. There was plenty of space room for it in our spacious old-book vault.

Then one morning there came a telephone from a Mrs. Darrell. She informed me that she was the housekeeper at the Dale mansion, had returned from her vacation, and was getting the house in order for the return of her employer and the arrival of my missus, expected daily. She said furthermore that Mr. Dale had advised her that I would receive the portrait shipped from abroad. If it had arrived, she requested me to send it up to the house.

I had been so particular in my past attention to the directions of Mr. Dale that I did not trust the picture to strange hands. When the bank closed that afternoon I got two of the porters to carry the box containing the portrait to my room.

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mobile. Then I discovered him speaking to a man working about the garden. Beneath one of the windows was a lot of thin splintered lumber, and he was asking quite casually:

"What's that rubbish, gardener?"

"Oh, that? It's the box a portrait came in from abroad, sir."

"Oh, is it?" observed Marvel, and he moved the scattered pieces about with his foot. "I see," and he turned about and re-entered the machine.

I traced a subtle something I could not define in the tone of my friend and gave his face a close scrutiny. Before I could analyze the expression of his features, however, the auto, turning the next corner sharply, came to such a sudden stop that I had to grasp the edge of the seat to prevent a forward plunge.

"Can't you see?" irritably challenged the chauffeur of an individual he had nearly run down that the side of the machine quite swept him to one side.

"I cannot," was the reply, mournful and reproachful, and then I noted that the man had a cane, and as he went on used it in the fashion of blind persons to feel the edge of the walk and guide his steps.

"I have some business here, it seems," remarked Marvel, and to my amazement he sprang from the machine. "I will see you in the morning," he added over his shoulder.

I do not know why, but a strong conviction appealed to my mind at just that moment, enforcing the belief that he had taken a sudden interest in the Dale case—I had some news for him whom he came into the Atlas National next morning.

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"This is the person?" he said, in his expert way selecting his subject at once. The latter made no objection to being examined. He turned up his eyes as directed, he submitted to the various tests of the oculist with instruments and chemicals.

"Stone blind," finally announced the oculist, and he put up his instruments and closed his satchel.

Marvel glanced at me as if challenging my claim of having seen the man under normal sight conditions.

"Well?" spoke the quasi-prisoner impatiently. "Are you through with me?"

My friend signalled the chief to dismiss the subject under surveillance. He also made a gesture to a dark little man, and the latter followed the "blind" man from the office.

"Unless there are two of him," observed Marvel as we left headquarters, "you identified the right man the other night. I want you to do something for me—I wish to have an introduction to Mr. Dale at his home."

I referred to my plan for calling that evening, and this quiter harmonized with my friend's request. It was just after dusk, the garden was in shadow, the house itself brilliantly illuminated as we were shown into the front drawing room, being informed that Mr. Dale and his niece, as the servant put it, were out for a drive and would return soon.

The alert glance of my companion swept the room comprehensively until his eye fell upon the portrait of the new mistress of this elegant home. Then he advanced towards it. A connoisseur in matters artistic, I read his impression of a picture which had appealed to me as the merest daub. He drew close to the portrait, ran his thumb nail over a corner of its painted surface and turning quickly said in a guarded one:

"Watch that door—advise me if any one comes."

I watched him pull the picture out from the wall, an open penknife in his hand. He inserted against the tacked-on canvas, lifted it free, and returned to his chair.

"A portrait from Rome!" he said, a faint, queer smile playing about the corners of his lips. "Wall."

He made a barely audible sound with his lips. In a trice the small, alert man from headquarters was at his side, received his instructions and followed his servants and their inmates burden into the hallway.

"What—what does this mean?" demanded the millionaire, sinking into a chair, overcome. And then my friend told of his first suspicious discovery: the fact that the box coverings removed from the portrait did not correspond to the box he had helped me bring to the house the day previous.

The appearance of the blind man had suggested something coincidental with the letter sent by Brace to the millionaire. His watchfulness or the noctolops had resulted in the climax.

"Then the real Winifred Dunscombe?" gasped the wondering trembling millionaire.

He knew within the hour, for the resuscitation of the "Brühl" woman had followed him from headquarters; that this tireless shadower had sounded a signal announcing that an important crisis in the case had arrived, and that the juncture demanded his personal presence and attention.

The small, shifty man from headquarters beckoned him from behind a nest of shadows. And taking him Basil Trego saw standing in at the front window—the "blind" man!

The "blind" man had his eyes fixed on the portrait upon which some electric bulb focused a radiance that brought out every essential of the glowing canvas. His eyes, brilliant streaks by high expert professional authority, glowed, glared, scintillated. They glinted over the portrait to secure the aged man's fortune was still to go may really be imagined.

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# WAR MESSAGE OF WILSON DISTORTED

**German People Not Permitted to Read Full Text of President's Address.**

## EFFECT ON PUBLIC FEARED

**Copy Issued by Committee on Public Information Shows Important Passages That Were Suppressed.**

The German government did not dare to communicate to the German people the full text of President Wilson's war message of April 2, 1917. It feared the influence which the unabridged text of this message might have upon the opinion of the people. Therefore the official message of the president of the United States was presented to Germany in an abridged and distorted form.

The committee on public information of the United States government has prepared a copy of this message showing the passages which were suppressed in the report of the Wolff Telegraph bureau when the message of the president was published to the whole world. These passages are shown in bold-faced type in the following copy of the message. The Wolff Telegraph bureau is not only under censorship control of the German government, but has been consistently employed by the government for the promulgation of official opinions.

Gentlemen of the Congress: We have called the congress into extraordinary session, because there are serious, very serious, abuses of power to be made and made immediately, which it is neither right nor constitutionally permissible that I should assume the responsibility of making.

On the 3d of February last I officially informed the extraordinary assembly of the Imperial German government that our neutrality, day of February it was its purpose to put aside all restraints of law or humanity and use its submarines to sink every vessel that sought to approach either the ports of Great Britain and Ireland or the western coasts of Europe or any of the ports controlled by the governments now at war with Germany, and as incident to that, the extension to those governments of the most liberal financial credits, in order that our resources may so far as possible be added to theirs.

It will involve the organization and mobilization of all the means of production of the country to supply the materials of war and serve the incidental needs of the nation in the most abundant and yet the most economical and efficient way possible.

It will involve the immediate full equipment of the navy in all respects, by increasing and supplying it with the best means of dealing with the enemy's submarines.

It will involve the immediate addition to the armed forces of the United States already provided for by law in case of war, of at least 500,000 men who should, in my opinion, be chosen upon the principle of universal liability, and the organization and equipment of subsequent additional increments of equal force so soon as they may be needed and can be handled in training.

It will involve also, of course, the granting of adequate credits to the government sustained, I hope, so far as the can equitably be sustained by the present generation, by well-considered taxation.

I say again, so far as may be equitable by taxation, because it seems to me that it would be most unwise to base the credits, which will now be necessary, entirely on money borrowed.

In this emergency, immediately, we must, against the very serious hardships and evils which would be likely to arise out of the inflation which would be produced by vast loans.

In carrying out these things, by which these things are to be accomplished, we should keep constantly in view the welfare of the people. In so far as possible in our own preparation and in the equipment of our own military forces with the duty—it will be very practical duty—of supplying the nations already at war with Germany with the materials which they can obtain only from us or our allies. They are in the field, and we should help them in every way to be effective there.

I shall take the liberty of suggesting through the several executive departments of the government, for the consideration of your committee, the establishment of a commission of inquiry to inquire into the responsibility of conducting the war and of conducting the nation in the war without consulting the human practices of civilized nations.

The new policy has swept every restriction aside. Vessels of every kind, whatever their flag, their character, their cargo, their destination, their errand, have been ruthlessly sent to the bottom without quarter or mercy, without thought of gain or loss for their owners, the vessels of friendly neutrals along with those of belligerents. Even hospital ships and ships carrying relief to the sorely harassed and sickly en people of Belgium, though the latter were provided with safe conduct through the British ports, by the German government itself and were distinguished by unmistakable marks of identity, have been sunk with the same reckless lack of compassion or principle.

I was for a little while unable to believe that such things could in fact be done by any government that had hitherto subscribed to the humane practices of civilized nations. International law had its origin in the attempt to set up some law which would be respected and observed upon the seas where no nation had the right of dominion and where no man could claim the rights of the world. By painful stages after stage has that law been built up with meager enough results, indeed after all was accomplished, but always with a clear view, at least, of what the world must accomplish in the end.

The remaining half of fight the German government has swept aside under the plea of retaliation and necessity and because it had no weapons which it could use—neither sea nor land—which it is impossible to employ as it is employing them without drawing to the world the animosity of humanity, or for that reason for the understanding that were supposed to underlie the intercourse of the world.

I am not now thinking of the loss of property involved, immense and serious as that is, but only of the wanton and wholesale destruction of men, women, and children, engaged in pursuits which have always, even in the darkest periods of modern history, been deemed innocent and legitimate. Property can be paid for—the lives of peaceful and innocent people cannot be.

The policy of the German submarine warfare, against neutral commerce,

is a war against all nations. American ships have been sunk. American lives taken, in ways which it has stirred us very deeply to learn of, but the ships and people of other neutral and friendly nations have been sunk among themselves in the waters in the same way. There has been no discrimination.

The challenge is to all mankind.

Each nation must decide for itself how it will meet it. The choice we make for ourselves must be made with a moderation of spirit and a temperance of judgment, befitting our character and our motives as a nation. We must put aside feelings of revenge. Our motive will not be revenge or the victorious assertion of the physical might of the nation, but the vindication of right, in the interest of justice, of which we are only a single champion.

When I addressed the congress on the 26th of February last, I thought it would suffice to assert our neutral rights with arms, our right to use the sea against unlawful interference, our right to keep our people safe against unlawful violence. But armed neutrality, it now appears, is impracticable. Because

submarines are in effect outlaws, when used as the German submarines have been, and against merchant shipping, it is impossible to do more than defend their attacks, as the law of nations has assumed that merchantmen would defend themselves against privateers or pirates, visible craft giving chase upon the open sea. It is common prudence in such circumstances, grim necessity indeed, to endeavor to destroy them before they have known their own intention. They must be dealt with upon sight, if dealt with at all.

The German government denies the right of neutrals to use arms at all within the areas of the sea which have proscribed even in the defense of which which modern publicists have before questioned the right to defend. The intimation is conveyed that the armed guards which we have placed on our merchant ships will be treated as beyond the pale of law and subject to be dealt with as pirates would be. Armed neutrality is ineffective, and in the face of such circumstances it is worse than ineffectual; it is likely only to produce what it was meant to prevent; it is practically certain to draw us into war without either the rights or the effectiveness of the belligerents. The only result can make, we are inclined to make, is to offend the armed neutrals which they cut to the very

successfully worked out only under cover and where no one has the right to raise questions. Cautiously contrived plans of arbitration and agreement to be carried, it may be from generation to generation, can be worked out and kept from the light only within the privacy of courts or behind the carefully guarded confidences of a narrow and privileged class. They are happily impossible where public opinion commands and controls, and where the mind concerning all the nation's affairs.

A steadfast concert for peace can never be maintained except by a partnership of democratic nations. No autocratic government could be trusted to "keep faith" within it or observe its covenants. It must be publics of common, representative opinion. Its tribute would eat in vital away the plottings of inner circles who could plan what they would, and render account to no one, would be a corruption seated at its very heart. Only free people can hold their purpose and their strength, and stand firm in the cause of justice, and for the interest of mankind to a narrow interest of their own.

Does not every American feel that assurance has been added to our hope for the future peace of the world by the wonderful and heartening things which have been happening in Russia? Russia was known by those who knew her heart in the heat of her revolution, that she had stood true to the principles that gave her birth and happiness and the peace which she has treasured.

God helping her, she can do no other. She is a fit partner for a league of honor.

One of the things that have served to convince us that the Prussian autocracy was not and could never be a threat to us from the outset of our war, was that it had filled our unsuspecting communities, and even our offices of government, with spies and other criminal intrigues everywhere up against our national unity of counsel, our peace within and without, our industries, and our commerce. It is now evident that the idea was here before the war began and it is unhappy not a matter of conjecture, but a fact proven in our courts of justice, that the intrigues which have

been hatched in the beginning of the war, and the patriotic duty of these young men to use their spare time in productive work and help support the nation in the present crisis. The president's letter follows:

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public by Secretary Wilson of the interior department, the president says it is the patriotic duty of these young men to use their spare time in productive work and help support the nation in the present crisis."

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"Let me express the hope that the young men of the country now permanently employed, are called upon by the Boys' Working Reserve to fit themselves by training and study for good citizenship and productive service. In this way they can show themselves worthy of patriotic fathers who have fought for democracy in the past, sustain their patriotic brothers who are fighting for it today, and command the whole force of the nation to check and nullify its pretensions and its policies. We are glad to find that the facts will well afford pretense for any hostile feeling or purpose of the German people toward us (who were, it is now evident, that the self-same deacons of a government that did what it pleased and told us to do, and who have given their blood in part in serving to convince us, at least, that that government entertains no real friendliness for us and means to act against our peace and security in its conception. That means to stir up enemies against us at every door, the interpretation given to the German word 'Krieg' in this country, evidence of"

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## The Protector of Finance

Tales of Resilius Marvel, Guardian of Bank Treasure

By WELDON J. COBB

### THE COUNTERFEIT WARD

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**T**HE books of the Atlas National bank contain many a mention of millionaire Robert Dale. This would be natural, for he was our oldest and most prominent director in the institution. His dealings had run up into the millions. But a plain record and a clean sheet were all the surface indications, showing no more, no less, than the bare legal account of some saving, underpaid clerk laying aside an illy spared surplus for a rainy day.

When it comes to the secret archives, however, the confidential files accessible only to the officers and credit manager of the bank, that is a different proposition. He had company in that department—a ghostly troop of family skeletons, closeted at home safely, locked away from public view in the strong steel safety vaults. Should they ever parade forth, one Basil Trego, among several of like mold, would strut and caper across the stage, and vanish leaving the impression that honored names are sometimes a farce and honest men a rarity. It might then be shown how and why that great protector of finance, the active head of the United Bankers' Protective Association, Resilius Marvel, was called into the most secret councils of the Atlas National, to ward off disgrace and peril from our valued friend and client, and finally to save his life and his millions.

I recall Robert Dale just as he appeared that bright June morning when the president of our institution summoned me to his private office, and the gravity and earnestness of his face influenced me to the belief that something out of the ordinary was in the wind.

"Mr. Dale is in the directors' office," advised our chief official, "and wishes to see you. I have told him of certain attributes of yours that we have recognized—close mouth, a strictly business attitude, and unfaltering accuracy of judgment."

"I thank you," I bowed, with a natural glow of pleasure at the handsome compliment.

"Poor Dale!" observed the president, "he needs the exercise of all these qualifications, indeed. A journey on your part may be necessary. Fail in with his plans, whatever they may be."

I proceeded at once to join the waiting visitor. He greeted me in a friendly manner and touched a chair by his side.

"I am going to ask a good deal of you," he said—"service I can never sufficiently repay you for because I wish you to share my troubles, and the load isn't a light one. I want a man who can remember always, yet forget absolutely so far as others are concerned. It is about my step-nephew, Basil Trego."

The last name was not unfamiliar to me, but I did not show that this was so. I recalled the first incident within knowledge of the young man where a music hall dancer had kicked his dainty slipper into his lap—high honor for the shallow-pated youth, who proceeded to lavish his own and the money of others upon her. It had led to the presentation and payment of a forged check on his uncle. Nor was it the only one. We of the bank had never let Mr. Dale know what we suspected. When he passed over the forgeries, accepting his loss in silence, the incident was dropped so far as we were concerned. Therefore, this honorable old business man fancied he was imparting to me a great secret when he said in a tone infinitely depressed and serious:

"My nephew, Basil Trego, is a forger."

"For over two years this young man," continued the millionaire, "has led a life of idle profligacy, riot and revel. Not once, but twenty times he has passed checks on this institution bearing my forged name. There was a lapse where, I suppose, realizing—that he was my nearest living relative and likely to inherit my fortune, he curbed his extravagance. A few months since, however, he issued two forged notes in my name for over \$30,000. Later he took some securities from my safe, disposed of them, fled to New York city, and associated himself there with a notorious set of gamblers, among them a woman known as Sara Brühl."

I made a mental note of this for future reference, while Mr. Dale went on:

"A week since he appeared at my home in a desperate condition of flight and actual or pretended remorse. He begged of me a final \$5,000, to go to some foreign place of refuge and redeem his blighted past. He realized that I had put up safeguards to outwit any further forgeries or peculations, I sternly told him my decision. My will was made, and he was cut off without a dollar. I had written abroad to the orphan daughter of a distant relative, Miss Winifred Duncombe, who was studying art at Rome, offering her a home and to make her my heiress, if she would come here. As to himself, I gave him one hundred dollars, told him to go to Windsor over the river from Detroit, in Canada, there to await from me a final proposal as to what I would do for him in the future in a money way."

"He is there now!" I ventured to inquire.

"Awaiting the arrival of my representative, whom I solicit you to be. Since he left the city I have received a remarkable letter. It is from a man in New York city. He had the letter written by another, for he says he is blind himself—blinded, he claims, through the effects of a drug administered to him by this Sara Brühl. He accuses my nephew of inciting that person to rob him, desert him and leave him penniless and blind. He asks no money from me, he disdains

weeks. You remember the young lady I spoke to you about—Miss Winifred Duncombe? It seems that she is very beautiful, and I have learned that her portrait was painted at Rome and made much of. I immediately purchased it by cable, and it is now on the way to this country. It may arrive within the next ten days. I want you to obtain it at the express office here and store it safely, as I greatly value it, until I return or order it delivered at the house, which will be closed up, to two servants a chance to visit their old homes during my absence."

"I shall be glad to take charge of the portrait," I said willingly, accepting the order on the express company which he tendered me.

To a man of my quiet humdrum ways all this had been interesting to a degree. Often, too, those minor actors in the drama, Sara Brühl and Basil Trego, drifted into my mind; and one day I dropped into the office of the United Bankers' Protective Association and told Resilius Marvel all the

details of the strange drama.

The portrait from abroad had meantime arrived. I had gone to the express office, received it for, and had it delivered at the bank. There was plenty of room for it in our spacious old-books vault.

Then one morning there came a telephone from Mrs. Darrell. She informed me that she was the housekeeper at the Dale mansion, had returned from her vacation, and was getting the house in order for the return of her employer and the arrival of his new mistress of this elegant home.

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"You recall the blind man we nearly ran down near the Dale home yesterday?" I interrogated.

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mobile. Then I discovered him speaking to a man working about the garden. Beneath one of the windows was a lot of thin splintered lumber, and he was asking quite casually:

"What's that rubbish, gardener?"

"Oh, that? It's the box a portrait came in from abroad, sir."

"Oh, is it?" observed Marvel, and he moved the scattered pieces about with his foot. "I see," and he turned about and re-entered the machine.

I traced a subtle something I could not define in the tone of my friend and gave his face a close scrutiny. Before I could analyze the expression of his features, however, the auto, turning the next corner sharply, came to such a sudden stop that he had to grasp the edge of the seat to prevent a forward plunge.

"Can't you see?" Irritably challenged the chauffeur of an individual he had so nearly run down that the side of the machine quite swept him to one

"I cannot," was the reply, mournful and reproachful, and there I noted that the man had a cane, and as he went on used it in the fashion of blind persons to feel the edge of the walk and guide his steps.

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"This is the person?" he said, in his expert way selecting his subject at once. The latter made no objection to being examined. He turned up his eyes as directed, he submitted to the various tests of the oculist with instruments and chemicals.

"Mr. Resilius Marvel—" I began, deeming an introduction in order, but my friend held up a stern censuring hand, made a half beckoning motion, and there stepped forward the "blind" man.

"Who is that woman?" challenged Marvel, to my consternation and the unbound amazement and resentment of Mr. Dale, and he pointed straight at the original of the flashing portrait above her head.

"Sara Brühl!" shouted the "blind" man, springing forward from the wake of Marvel, his face a writhing glow of triumph, revenge and hatred.

The woman drew back with a sharp cry. Her face became colorless. She winced as though evading a direct blow.

"It is folly, a plot—he cannot tell for he is not blind," gasped the woman.

"How do you know that?" keenly demanded Marvel.

"Blind? Yes!" raved the man.

Braceley, it flashed into my mind—I am, indeed, blind, but only in the daytime. By some trick of nature the foul drudge you administered has left me a memento, and I can see at night. Oh, this is sweet triumph—to balk you in your seeming hour of success! Only to find your vile accomplice, Trego, and then I am content!"

His face worked horribly; his aspect was that of a demon infuriate. The woman made a soft gesture, threw her arms in the air and fell a senseless heap at the foot of Mr. Dale. He called for the servants, who bore her from the room.

"Wait," commanded Resilius Marvel.

"This impostor must be lost sight of for a single moment until she has disclosed the whereabouts of the kidnapped girl she sought to represent—Miss Duncombe."

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